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**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following:

a, This invention relates to stents used to support ~~arterial~~ arterial and venous conduits in the human body. More particularly, it refers to a tubular stent having a non-uniform structure along its longitudinal length to provide good flexibility and radial strength.